

Almanacs Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Almanacs Collection
Date	19th-20th c.
Extent	1.75 Linear feet
Language	English
Books [Box]	1-4
Abstract	<p>The Almanacs Collection consists of general and health almanacs from the 19th-20thc. The general almanacs provide advertisements for the sale of durable goods and include astrological calendars. The health almanacs feature home remedies and tonics for common ailments and even more serious health issues. Also included is the series, Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Men, which provides an account of the lives of notable men, such as Andrew Carnegie, Robert Owen, and others. None of the items in the series display any continuity in date and/or in subject.</p>

Scope and Contents note

The Almanacs Collection was originally housed in the Miscellaneous Collection of the Special Collections department at the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The first series of almanacs consists of a variety of information and advertisements. For example, astrological charts and weather predictions are included as well as how to conduct a marriage ceremony. Also, there are advertisements for soap, sewing machines, typewriters and even the practice of phrenology. The second series, "Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Men," provides general accounts of the lives of notable men, such as, Andrew Carnegie, Robert Owen and others as role models. The final series, Medicines and Home Remedies, captures a glimpse into health concerns and remedies used at the time. For example, the medical almanacs consists of how various ailments, such as, inflammation of the stomach, eyes, kidneys, liver as well as rheumatism and arthritis can be treated with tonics, baths or simple home remedies.

Arrangement

The Almanacs Collection was originally housed in the Miscellaneous Collection of the Special Collections department at the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The items in the Miscellaneous collection were re-arranged into three series and consist of 4 boxes using the following series headings: General almanacs, Little Journeys to the Homes of well-known Men, and Medicines and Home Remedies.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections

Revision Description

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Conditions Government Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Genre(s)

- Almanacs
- Home remedies

Personal Name(s)

- Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919
- Elbert, 1856-1915, Hubbard
- Mayer Amschel, Rothschild, 1773-1855
- Oliver, James, 1823-1908
- Owen, Robert, 1771-1858
- Stewart, Alexander Turney, 1803-1876

Subject(s)

- Almanacs, American
- Medicines

Series I: Almanacs**Collection Inventory**

Series I: Almanacs 19th-20th c.	Box	Folder
	1	1-8
	Box	Folder
What When Why. Published by C. I. Hood & Co., 1882	1	1
Beckwith's Almanac, Number 9, 1856	1	1
The Tribune Almanac, 1862	1	1
Pain Killer Annual, 1873	1	1
Shakespearian Annual Almanac, 1882	1	1
The Washington Life Insurance Company of New York, Almanac 1885	1	2
The Angleside/ Christmas Number 1885/Almanac 1886	1	2
The Angleside /Christmas Number '88/Almanac for 1889	1	2
The Angleside /Christmas Number '89/Almanac for 1890	1	2
The Angleside / Christmas Number 1890/Almanac 1891	1	2
Morse's Indian Root Pills 1890 Almanac	1	2

Series II: Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Business Men by Elbert Hu...

The Washington Almanac for 1894 / Gems of Literature and Gems of Art
2nd series

1 3

Ford Home Almanac and facts book 1939

1 8

1948 Rambler Babson Messinger Almanac

1 8

Series II: Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Business Men by Elbert Hubbard

Box 2 **Folder** 1-5

Robert Owen, Vol. 24, No. 1, January 1909

Box 2 **Folder** 1

James Oliver, Vol. 24, No. 2, February 1909

2 2

Mayer A. Rothschild, Vol. 24, No. 4, April 1909

2 3

Andrew Carnegie, Vol. 25, No. 2, August 1909

2 4

A. T. Stewart, Vol. 25, No. 4, October 1909

2 5

Series III: Medicines and Home Remedies, 1853-1900

Box
3-4

Vinegar Bitters Almanac, 1874

3 1

Memorabilia A Compilation of Practical Receipts for Families, and
Valuable Information for the Farmer, and those seeking Health

3 1

Series III: Medicines and Home Remedies, 1853-1900

New and Startling Facts for those afflicted with Nervous Diseases	3	2
Letter: Church Kidney Cure Company January 11, 1897	3	2
The Doctor at Home	3	3
Radway's Almanac and Guide to Health, 1876	3	4
Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1872	3	4
Hostetter's Illustrated United States Almanac, 1897	3	5
The People's Vade-Mecum	3	5
Radway's Almanac and Guide to Health, 1889	3	6
Rush's Almanac and Guide to Health, 1871	3	6
Church's Kava-Kava Compound Nature's Cure for Diseases of the Kidneys Blood and Urinary Organs	4	1
Dr. Jayne's Medical Almanac and Guide to Health, 1880	4	1
Dr. Jayne's Medical Almanac and Guide to Health, 1884	4	2
Mathewon's Treatise on Inflammatory Diseases, 1854	4	2

Series III: Medicines and Home Remedies, 1853-1900

Pain Killer Annual, 1874 4 3

Mrs. Winslow's Domestic Receipt Book for 1870 4 3

Ransom's Family Receipt Book, 1878, 1886, 1890 4 4

Wright's Pictorial Family Almanac, 1874 4 5

Dr. Marchisi's Uterine Catholicon 4 5